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| In re application of: Nobuo Okazaki, et al. | Date: August 30, 2004 |
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| Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FORMING ALIGNMENT LAYER | IBM Corporation D/18G, B/300, Zip 482 2070 Route 52 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533-6531 |

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004, the following response is being submitted to place the above-identified application in prima facie condition for allowance.

Following is a summary of the Telephone Interview conducted with the Examiner on July 17, 2004.